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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

1. OF MORE THAN 400 PERSONS REGISTERED, APPROXIMATELY 87 APPEARED AT RIVIERA HOTEL TO CHECK-IN BETWEEN 6 AND 7:00 A.M. MANY OF THOSE WHO CAME HAD ALREADY LEARNED THAT CONVOY HAD BEEN POSTPONED BUT WISHED TO LEARN WHEN IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE. FEW WERE SURPRISED.
2. ALL ACCEPTED THE FACT WITH GOOD HUMOR.
3. BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND THE TWENTY-ODD JOURNALISTS WHO APPEARED WISHED INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THE CONVOY MIGHT TAKE PLACE. THEY WERE ADVISED TO LISTEN TO VOA OR BBC AND TO READ NEWSPAPERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
4. THREE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND FOUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES TOOK TURNS MEETING PEOPLE AT CIRB-SIDE IN ORDER TO ADVISE THEM BEFORE LUGGAGE AND PASSENGERS WERE UNLOADED.
5. TWO EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ASSISTED BY DIRECTING TRAFFIC. AT NO TIME DURING THE APPROXIMATE HOUR AND A

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HALF AT THE HOTEL WAS THERE ANY CONGESTION, OR

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